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SUBJECT: SOUTHEAST TURKEY PRESS SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 5, 2003

1. This is the Southeastern Turkey press summary for November 5, 2003. Please note that Turkish press reports often contain errors or exaggerations; AmConsulate Adana does not vouch for the accuracy of the reports summarized here.

POLITICAL, SECURITY, HUMAN RIGHTS

2. Turkiye / Due to an explosion of military-related scrap metal in Payas, Dortyol, Hatay province, one person died and two people were wounded.

3. Evrensel / Public school teacher Gulabi Koseoglu was expelled from his teaching post in 1996 for participating in the organization of the World Peace Day celebrations in Adana. Koseoglu stated that according to the EU Harmonization Package, he should be reinstated in his job because he has committed no crime.

CULTURE and TOURISM

4. Ozgur Gundem / Diyarbakir Literary Days commenced yesterday, the event will host many well-known authors and writers between November 4-7.  
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